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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE:

APPLICATION OF : Richard Cramer, Robert Jilek, Qian Liu, Stefan  
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TITLE : A Method For Searching Heterogenous Compound  
Databases Using Topomeric Shape Descriptors and  
Pharmacophoric Features

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TO: \* Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 3, 2006

Applicants hereby respond to the office action dated April 3, 2006. Accompanying this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time to October 3, 2006 along with the required fee and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) along with the required fee.

**Amendments to the claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.